

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
(PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

August 7, 2001

7:00 PM

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

Absent: Alderman Clancy

Mayor Baines advised that the purpose of the special meeting was to give residents of Manchester the opportunity to address the Board on items of concern affecting the community; that each person will be given only one opportunity to speak; that comments shall be limited to two minutes to allow all participants the opportunity to speak and any comments must be directed to the Chair.

Mayor Baines requested that any resident wishing to speak come forward to the nearest microphone, clearly state their name and address when recognized, and give their comments.

Roger Douville, 204 Biron Street, Manchester stated:

I'm here speaking on behalf of the residents of Biron Street in opposition to the Dass Development for Biron Street. I gave you each a copy of some of the information that I have so that you can be better aware. Our contention is that this is a project that is much too large for the small area of Biron Street. You are talking about a street that is a quarter of a mile long and the existing plans show one entry on Biron Street. We envision that traffic getting out of Biron Street onto Kelly Street is simply too much to handle. We have a five to ten minute wait now and the only other access is down Roosevelt Street through Goffstown to Mast Road, which has similar traffic patterns. I would liken it to South Willow Street. One hundred and fifty-three apartment units in this area, again,

would cause a tremendous headache and 300 plus cars, only the residents cars, not including the people that would visit and busses needed to service the future students that would be in that apartment complex area. The traffic study that was used is flawed we feel. It was done in July and in July there is no school. St. A's is out on break and Kelly Street, Armory Street and all the other streets on the west side are being torn up by a massive water project now and traffic is being diverted from that area. In addition we have people out on vacations. For the last 10 years people in this area have put a lot of money into their properties. Recent tax assessments in this city will show this. We have tax assessments in excess of thirty-five percent. Average homes on this street assessed for \$140,000. The market value is much higher than that. Currently a neighbor of mine is selling because of this project and the price of the home asking right now is \$190,000. That is the type of the property that we have there and we believe that in addition to this, because of the close proximity to St. Anselm's College this would simply be an off campus dorm as it has happened in many of the other apartment style complexes in the area. Thank you very much.

Roger Mitchell, 41 Val Street, Manchester stated:

I am here tonight to voice my opinion regarding the recent concert by a group called Slipknot down in Singer Park. Concerts of this type are not the kind of concerts that I care about and I am opposed to having them at the location where they were, especially when it can be heard by the residents of the City who really don't want to hear this kind of stuff and can't do anything about it. It should be presented in a place where they can be confined in an area that will not be heard by anybody else and that is at the civic center. That is a good location and I am sure that you would fill it to capacity. I am one of the fortunate citizens who happen to live near the airport. My house is soundproof so I can close my windows and except for a few planes going by that I can barely hear, I don't hear all of this noise. Maybe the City should consider soundproofing the area around Singer Park. That would make everybody happy. If this is not feasible, I suggest another location on Dunbarton Road. There is a place for this kind of music and under the First Amendment they are protected. Singer Park is not the place for it. Thank you.

Mayor Baines stated I am going to take a moment of personal privilege here before our next speaker to call Murray Onigman and his wife forward. This is going to be "This is Your Life Murray Onigman." I would like to ask Cliff Ross to come up here and the rest of the Onigman family to please join us. Murray is not even aware that you are all here right now.

Mr. Ross stated I am here tonight to honor my good friend, Murray Onigman and I deeply thank the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for permitting me to do so. Every time I come to a political set-up, I am reminded of Red Skelton's old joke, "I see they are

having a gubernatorial contest next month, what is the matter with the goober that is in their now?" About 60 years ago, Murray and I lived on different ends of a street in Brighton, Massachusetts called Alston Street. I lived at the top of the hill near Washington Street. He lived down at the bottom near Kelton Street and we never met because we were wisely warned not to have anything to do with the kids at the bottom of the hill. A short time afterwards, we both went to Boston Latin School and once again I never met him because I was busy studying Latin and he was busy studying how to drive politicians bananas. We both came to Manchester somewhere around 50 years ago. Fifty years ago I thought Manchester was in England, but I learned it was in New Hampshire and New Hampshire was very good to Murray and to me. Many of us who have seen the lamentable transition from Duke Ellington to Slipknot over two scant generations might conclude that after the 50's it has all been pretty much downhill except that you can take a right hand turn on a red light, which is one good thing. But there is still kindness, there is still sensitivity and those sweet qualities are still abundant in Manchester, which explains the fact that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen have taken from a busy schedule a few minutes, at least, to pay tribute to Murray and to thank him for the kind of person that he has been and to wish him well in all that lies ahead. Good luck Murray.

Mayor Baines stated I have asked Alderman Ted Gatsas to join me and I would like to read this proclamation and make a presentation to Murray.

"The City of Manchester, New Hampshire, Office of the Mayor. Murray Onigman, dedicated citizen, active participant in City government, conscientious member of the community and lovable pain in the neck, your tenacity on issues important to Manchester's prosperity and quality of life has benefited all of our fellow citizens. With unrelentness energy, you embody the spirit of democracy by living out the description of a model citizen. Due to your unyielding pursuit for the betterment of this City, you have kept public officials mindful of their duty to the public. With hope that you continue to advocate for causes important to your heart and to your home I, Robert Baines, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Manchester in the State of New Hampshire, do hereby proclaim Murray Onigman honorary Alderman for a day. In recognition whereof, I am here unto set my hand and cause the seal of the City to be affixed this seventh day of August, 2001, signed Robert A. Baines, Mayor."

On behalf of our citizens and on behalf of the entire Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Murray, thank you for being a voice of the people and while often times some did not like what you had to say, you were an active participation, you brought the issues before us and you caused us to think. That is what any good citizen would do and that is what this good citizen has done for many, many years. Murray, we love you, we respect you and we wish you all the best that life has to offer. Congratulations. Finally, one of the great things you get to do as Mayor is present a key to the City and what I tell people when I present them the key is first of all I tell them that it doesn't open anything, especially the treasury but Murray when you look at that I want you to think because you have had a

long and distinguished life as a great citizen of our community as a father, a husband, and a friend to many, think of that key and think of the doors of opportunity that you have opened for so many people who love and respect you. This reads as follows, President John Kennedy said that "in a democracy every citizen regardless of his or her interest in politics, holds office and in the final analysis the kind of government we get depends on how we fulfill those responsibilities." Murray Onigman has fulfilled them nobly and well and on behalf of a grateful City I present you with a key to the City and I would ask Alderman Gatsas to present it to you.

Alderman Gatsas presented the key and stated Murray I am honored and privileged in being probably the only Republican that you have ever voted for.

Mr. Onigman stated my voice is not what it used to be and I am currently treating it. I want you all to know that this is my family. My three sons, my grandchildren, daughter-in-laws, etc. I want to thank the City. My wife brought me here and I think she must have known about this. I want to thank you all. We have had a lot of fun.

Marty Nogues, Warner NH stated:

I would like to just read a few things so that it is not coming from me individually but this is coming from individuals who are on it. It states, "homosexual rock star David Bowie in Rolling Stone's magazine February, 1996 stated rock has always been the devil's music. I believe rock and roll is dangerous. I feel you have only heralded something even darker than ourselves." That was David Bowie talking in Rolling Stone. In Smash Hits magazine, Bon Jovi says, "I kill my mother for rock and roll, I would sell my soul." So would Tommy Sullivan in New Jersey and Tommy did. Tommy, your typical all American 14 year old one Saturday night slit his own mother's throat and then gauged her eyes out. Tommy then slashed his wrists and cut his throat from ear to ear with intensity that nearly decapitated him. Mayor Fran Slayton said there is just something that is bothering me about this situation. It bothers me that good kid like this can go bad in two weeks. Tommy's father said that all week his father had been singing a rock song about blood and killing his mother. Many of the rock groups that we have out here, the ones that just recently came and played like Slipknot, Disturbed and Mudvane - their names depict who they are. I would just ask in closing that if you would allow your sons or your daughters, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to go to this type of concert. This type of thing can tear down a community. You are the ones who make the decisions. Thank you very much.

Ed Syrek, 381 Mast Road, Manchester stated:

I, too, am here to cover the issue of rock music. I had the privilege to take part in a walk against profanity that is coming from some of the rock bands at Singer Park. As you

know, there were some there to oppose us. They were yelling “rock on” and our founding fathers died to give us freedom of speech. I am all for freedom of speech, but I don’t believe our founding fathers who loved this country and fought for this country would endure such filth and perversion as was coming out of that Slipknot concert. I believe if they were to ride through that night during that concert, they would have drawn their swords and chased that whole perverted, demonic show right out of the City of Manchester. We have become so desensitized to the evil that is beginning to engulf this nation and the fatalistic, satanic rock music that is becoming a major problem. It has been said that Satanism is the fastest growing sub-culture among our youth and this music is promoting it. My wife and I were driving down Bridge Street a few weeks back and it was during closing hours when the bars were getting out. Right outside of the corner of Bridge and Elm Street there were people yelling and there were some urinating right on the sidewalk. This had nothing to do with noise level. They did that inside the pub and they took it outside in the streets. That is just a prelude to what is coming to this City when the civic center opens and these demon possessed, perverted rock bands are allowed to come into this City. We are living in a death culture. We have created it. We have accepted it. From the killing of innocent children now outside of a woman’s womb to the acceptance of the philosophy of Jack Kavorkian and now this fatalistic, satanic rock music. A true profit of God stated these words that are recorded in the Holy Bible that says, “righteousness exalts a nation, sin is a reproach to any people and all nations that forget or turn away from God will be turned into hell.” I pray to God for a true awakening in this nation. We need to wake up to the evils that are coming into this City and this nation as a whole. Thank you.

Donald Ranney, 81 Dorchester Street, Manchester stated:

I am here just to make a brief comment and I would like to begin by thanking you for all of the consideration and time and effort that you guys have put in to making a decision on the rails and trails on the south end. From what I am gathering, I don’t know the whole story about what happened last night. I need to get a little more information but I would like to ask this Board to really stop and think of what we have left for green land and to stop and consider what we can benefit from as a community on what little space we have left in this City. Nutt’s Pond is not the cleanest pond but there are a lot of people who like to use that trail. I can’t see where anybody can come into this City and tell us that they are not going to develop something if they are not going to get their way. I thought we made ourselves pretty clear the last time somebody tried to tell the City what to do and you guys made an excellent decision and I want to thank you and commend you.

Lillian Duval, 1376 Front Street, Manchester stated:

I sent an e-mail last Friday, August 3 to the City of Manchester and the Mayor's Office and it read:

Dear Mr. Mayor and all Aldermen:

For discussion at your next meeting, the seniors consolidation, we do not want to consolidate with any other department. We know most of you are against a new senior center. Now it looks like we, the seniors, are becoming a political football. In 1986, an ordinance was voted in to take care of the seniors. We want you to honor the ordinance.

Yours truly,
S/Lillian A. Duval

Thank you.

Fred O'Connor, 23 Country Club Drive, Manchester stated:

In reference to the article in the paper on August 3, we the undersigned wish to make our position clear. We are against a consolidation of the Elderly Services and the Youth Services Department under the Health Department established in order to provide Social Services to the seniors as an independent department and not as a program under the Health Department. We urge the Board of Aldermen to deny this consolidation plan and keep Manchester's seniors independent with it's own department in order to guarantee the consistency of the senior services that are now available to us. This is a petition that has been signed by 581 people since that article came out in the paper. I would like to thank the Aldermen and the Mayor for listening to me here. It is very, very important to us to have an individual, private area for our own consideration and our own services. Thank you for listening to me. I am not a good speaker but I get my point across.

Rita O'Connor, 23 Country Club Drive, Manchester stated:

Like my husband just said, we feel the same way. For the last year and a half we have been on this Committee for a senior center. It didn't go anyplace. We wasted hours here and we are more further behind than ever. Last Friday when the article came in the paper, our phone started ringing with people saying please we do not want to go into another building with anybody else. We have been by ourselves and why can't they leave us alone. This is when they asked us to start a petition that they would sign. In two days, as Fred said, we have over 500 signatures. Our Medicare and our insurance supplement take care of our things. We pay our bills. All we ask is for you to leave us alone. If you don't want to give us a senior center, that is okay. We will continue on where we are. Don't take our department and put it somewhere else where the seniors of Manchester don't want to go. They are speaking out. Thank you very much.

Leona Dykstra, 21 Tennyson Drive, Manchester stated:

Before I start I want to tell you that I think it is very nice that you did give Murray that award, that key to the City. I am just wondering if I try real hard to become a pain in the neck will I get a key to the City too? What I wanted to discuss tonight a little bit had to do with the elderly and the thing is that and I will just use my mother as an example because I was a little perturbed about AT&T Broadband. It is not an awful lot of money, but it is a matter of principal and that is why I am here today. My mother is 91 years old and she was born in Albania in 1910 so she doesn't have a birth certificate and she doesn't have a driver's license. I applied to give her a senior citizen discount and I got a note back saying that she has to have a driver's license and a birth certificate. I was sent a copy of her property tax bill and that shows that she is over 65 and she should get an elderly exemption. Now I called this number from July 11 until today and got a busy signal. I could never get an answer and I don't know if the Mayor's Office or somebody could address that because my mother has five siblings. We fight for her rights. There are a lot of elderly people here who don't have family and they would probably just forget it but it isn't right. The minute I called the other number thinking that I am probably going to buy a new HBO package, they answered the phone in about two seconds. It is a concern of mine and it is something that I don't even know what to do with now. I guess I could write them another letter but I think a property tax bill should be fine. One other comment I wanted to make is that mine...of course everybody's valuation went up. Mine did. My mother's went up from \$83,000 to like \$116,000. It is \$40,000 more or whatever and she has done nothing to the house in 70 years but my concern is I think I read something in the paper about the Aldermen looking to increase the elderly exemption. I do want to tell you that I support that. I would hate to see my mother who has a fixed income of \$475/month to have to go out there and have to start paying taxes at 91 years old. I believe the exemption is \$90,000 at this time. I am just hoping that you do address that because I think the elderly citizens have given a lot to us and I don't think they should be punished for achieving old age. I think they should be rewarded and if that is something that you can look at, I certainly would support that. That is about all I have to say and I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak here today.

Mayor Baines recessed the meeting to call the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called the special meeting back to order.

Russ and Jan Spaulding, 321 Gold Street, Manchester stated:

We came here this evening to ask for some help with the traffic on Gold Street. I have briefly talked to the Mayor and I have talked to my Alderman. He has expressed to me that he can give us some help between the City and the Traffic Department with some type of meeting on a day within the next three weeks. Alderman Pariseau said he would try to set that up for us and that is what I would like to happen so that we can get something resolved regarding the Gold Street traffic.

Bruce Connell, 358 Mitchell Street, Manchester stated:

I am here on two issues. The first one is rails and trails and the proposal to rezone the area at Donovan Springs from industrial to commercial. I am part of a committee that has been working on putting a bike path through that area and we are opposed to commercializing that area further. The Aldermen had already turned it down once and I would like to see it turned down again. We have plans for it. We have been working on it and we want to work with the City on it. This is something that the City needs. It would be a win-win and I think putting it into commercial property and creating more traffic on Beech Street, Gold Street and South Willow Street is not the answer for the City. The second issue is the concerts. I am in favor of the concerts just like most people are. I believe, however, that once a concert is broadcast to over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the City of Manchester that they should, like radio and television, be under some sort of censorship. I don't think that the people in Manchester should have to sit and listen to filth and vulgarity if they don't want it. If I am watching TV I can change the channel. If that thing is coming over the air into my home, I can't get out of it and I would like to see that changed. Thank you very much.

Joan Spence, 259 Chestnut Street, Manchester stated:

I am here tonight to speak to you on what I feel is a very pressing matter in this City. As you can see, I am somewhat handicapped. This City, gentlemen and ladies, is not adhering to the handicapped rules. There is not a single store on Elm Street that I can go into because I can't open the doors. Even coming into this building tonight...yes the ramps were great and I got in just fine until I hit the door to come into the elevator. If it hadn't been for somebody in an office, I would have had a great deal of difficulty even getting here. I have in my hands now pictures that I have taken of this City and there are some for that side and some for this side. Gentlemen, the sidewalks in this City are dangerous. I can go on and name them. The pictures will tell a better story than I can. What you will be seeing is a whole trip from Valley Street to Vista and back by way of Beech Street down Lake, all the way down Lake Street to Granite Square and over to Bridge Street Square. These are the routes that I travel in order to get to the store, the pharmacy, doctors, and gentlemen it is not pleasant. I am here tonight to offer you, each and every one of you, Mr. Mayor and each and every one of you gentlemen, to offer you

a challenge. Come and take my chair and go for a ride and see if you like what you find. Thank you for listening to me.

William E. Davis, 175 Chestnut Street, Manchester stated:

I also have complaints about the sidewalks. I spoke to the Mayor a couple of weeks ago. On the corner of Myrtle and Elm Street there is a brick sidewalk. There are several bricks out of the sidewalk and you can't get up on it with your chair. I had to go in the street. I got yelled at. I got honked at and I almost got hit by a truck because I had to go in the street. There are a lot of places around the City, even in front of the girl's YWCA on Concord Street where there are holes in the sidewalk that need to be repaired. I hope you can address this. Thank you very much and have a good evening.

John St. Hilaire, 99 Murphy Street, Manchester stated:

I am here about the Donovan Spring property. I feel as though we are being held hostage here. We have developers who are saying that we want to develop this property and we want to bring new business to South Willow Street and we want to bring more traffic to South Willow Street and we want to give you the opportunity to go to a different store and go grocery shopping and I think that is fantastic. The fact of the matter is they are holding the residential neighborhood that abuts that property as hostage. Why do they keep insisting on access from South Beech Street? The people...not only are we working on the rail corridor and not only are we applying for CMAC money and going forward and really trying to work this...I have a meeting tomorrow with VHB. We have plans that will be forthcoming to you from the sharette that we had in June. A presentation will be made to the Board. The fact of the matter is that roads bring traffic, traffic brings congestion, brings noise and brings pollution. Our vehicles do not mesh with pedestrians. This is not the 1930's when everybody who was driving had manners and was hospitable to people and would stop in the middle of a rainstorm and let somebody cross the street. Drivers today are very unfriendly people. The amount of traffic that is already on our roads is unbelievable. South Willow Street on the south end is not that congested. The Donovan Spring property is large enough so that they can have to accesses onto South Willow Street. It is not an issue. You do not need to open up further the residential neighborhood to more traffic, to more noise, to more congestion. They are saying that the trail can coexist with the roadway. I am telling you that first of all there is not enough space. Their 100' right-of-way is not enough space to coincide with a trail, a walkway and a roadway that is going to carry the amount of traffic that I am certain that that entrance would carry. Thank you very much.

Jeff Kassel, 22 Appleton Street, Manchester stated:

I, too, am here to complain about the noise coming from Singer Park. I have read Mayor Baines remarks about it in the newspaper and I have read some of the other pieces that

were in there as well and I look at it and it doesn't look to me like there is any political upside to continuing that particular music venue. I say this because there are hundreds of complaints about the noise. During the last three concerts I walked up to the extreme north end of Elm Street, which is three miles from the site, and I could hear the music just fine. I didn't have to pay anything. There are people who just resent that and I think their resentment should be respected. It is not really about economic development. You don't force-feed people rock and roll if they don't want to hear it. It is just that simple. It is not even necessarily about vulgar conduct in a public forum. The City, after spending \$1 million on that park or more, should not be sponsoring that kind of so-called entertainment. That is the way I feel about it. The City sponsors other concerts and they have been fine but that particular concert has become problematic for the City. I think most of you have been given a tape of the concert. I urge you to take a look at it. Maybe some of you already have. You will see people taking their clothes off, young woman. It is somebody's daughter obviously. It is not good and it doesn't really matter if whether it is Slipknot or Charlie Daniels or B.B. King. If the noise is emanating and being blasted out at 150 decibels into the neighborhoods that are not even contiguous with the park, there is something wrong with the venue. The volume could be turned down at least. I don't know why they haven't gotten that message, but they haven't. These people who are running Cirrus Entertainment are not being cooperative. Thank you.

Don Welch, Boutwell Street, Manchester stated:

All of you received a tape, this controversial tape that I filmed on July 22. I want to bring you back a little bit. I started taping these concerts after people on the west side near West High School – Cartier Street and Notre Dame Avenue were calling the Police Department with complaints about noise coming from Singer Park. The noise rides right up over West High School's football field and then just blasts that whole quadrant up there. It blasts other areas in the City too. After filming the last three shows, I went around to seven different places in the City of Manchester and every single place that I have taped on every concert, the noise levels were loud and people had a right to complain. This last concert that I taped, I taped it from the area of Elm Street near Allen Bradleys and it kind of reminded me of the plane crash in Washington, DC back some years ago when people were in the water drowning from this plane crash and the videographer stood there and watched these people drown. I stood there. I couldn't leave. I usually go to seven different places when I am taping these shows. I saw 14, 15, 16, 17 year old kids marching into this show. Now am I the morale police in this community, no, but I will take a stand and you people tonight should take a stand. I mean to know about these groups and what they are doing to these kids...I mean as adults we can differentiate right from wrong but most of these kids can't. I ask this Board to consider...I don't know if there is supposed to be a motion or whatever. Whatever you guys come up with. I mean Cirrus Entertainment back when they got their second permit

and it was signed off by department heads in this City they said they would stay within the context of the law. They broke the law and they did that with two subsequent concerts. Now the ball is in your court. The people in this community are fed up with the noise. That has to be addressed. Profanity should not be allowed. This is a family community. Thank you.

Claire Fugere, Joliette Street, Manchester stated:

I know you have heard more than you care to hear about Singer Park concerts. Please understand that we older people are not against the concerts or teenagers, but what we are against is the vulgarity from these hard rock fans. It only brings out the worst in people. It is destructive and it is inappropriate behavior. We don't need public displays of nudity and obscenities. You promote Manchester as a good place to live. You want to bring life back to our City and bring in more business but at the same time you want to interchange that with the "F" word. Certainly someone has the authority to deny certain permits. If it is too obscene to be played on the radio, it certainly is too obscene to be performed outside in our public family park. Gentlemen, don't let people from other towns like Derry and Goffstown and Candia and Massachusetts intimidate you. Let the entertainment committee take this trash elsewhere. I understand that a permit was issued for Godsmack to perform in our park on September 16. The Tweeter Center in Boston is selling tickets to this performance. I challenge all of you people to buy tickets, take your children, your wives, your husbands, your grandchildren and some of you even your mothers to this concert and then let us know what kind of music you want in our community. We elected you to represent us, the citizens of Manchester. Please don't let these hard rock concerts infiltrate our City. Help us keep our City clean from this kind of trash. I realize that the bottom line is money. Remember, the love of money is the root of all evil. It brings destruction.

Georgette Beaudet, 366 Goffstown Road, Manchester stated:

I am here to beg all of you to do everything in your power to end all hard rock concerts, whether held inside or outside. They are filled with profanities, vulgarities, obscenities, lewdness and I can go on and on and on. It is also disgusting to know what kind of activities are going on during these concerts at Singer Family Park. I am not against wholesome family entertainment, but these hard rock concerts promote suicide, sex and satanism and they certainly do not glorify God. Another big issue is the noise pollution. I live approximately two and a half miles away from Singer Park. My husband and I can hear the music. My daughter and three grandsons live closer to the park and her windows were rattling and they could hear all of the swearing. On Sunday night I saw a rerun of Don Rondo's show where he was interviewing our Mayor. I hope, Mayor Baines, that you will keep your promise that there will not be a repeat of the July 22 concert. There is a motto on our City's sanitation trucks which says, "Help Keep Manchester Clean." The

content of these trucks is garbage and so are these hard rock concerts. Please help keep Manchester clean. I beg all of you, again, to end this nonsense. Thank you for listening.

Glenn R. J. Ouellette, 112 Auburn Street, Manchester stated:

Since I live right behind the civic center, when I walk out my apartment door which is on Auburn Street, I barely hear the music. The minute I get on the corner of Auburn and Chestnut, it is bouncing off the civic center. You would actually believe that it is coming out of the civic center and not from the park. When you get down to the corner of Auburn and Elm, which is right below it, I can barely hear the concert. Maybe they should bring the speakers down a little bit because the sound seems to be bouncing off the high rises. Perhaps that could be a compromise here. I have also visited Singer Park at all of the concerts. I have not attended one, but I have visited the riverfront on the east side of the park where the railroad is. People go there who don't want to pay to get in, which is fine, to watch the concerts. However, the license for liquor is in the park and not outside the park. If we are going to hire police officers to patrol in that park, we need to also hire officers to patrol outside the park. The drinking, the drugs and the sex that goes on behind the railroad tracks and between the river and the riverwalk...when I want to walk along the riverwalk I want not necessarily peace and quiet but it is supposed to be a beautiful area. I am not supposed to go there and find people smoking dope and drinking and having sex. That is not what you built that for. The other issue is parking. I was here two weeks ago on parking and again it fell on deaf ears. I have not gotten a response from any of you yet. I am looking for the minutes where you people approved putting parking between Pine and Chestnut on Auburn Street. I still have not seen it. Plus where you had put parking on all of the other side streets, you have at least left a couple of spaces where you put free parking for handicapped people. There are handicapped people living in my building and on my street where you put 11 parking spaces, you haven't put one free parking space for the handicapped. That is discriminatory. Please look into that. Thank you.

Eric Sawyer, 40 Walnut Street, Manchester stated:

I am an engineer. This past few days I have had opportunities to look at Singer Park acoustically in regards to noise pollution and there is a handout that is going around. No matter what you do, you are always going to have a problem with Singer Park with its current geometry and topography. It is a given. You will see in the back of those graphs that I used a rock concert at 125 decibels and you can see in meters and how many miles it will carry until it is 50 decibels, which is considered a normal night time quiet neighborhood. It doesn't matter what you do at Singer Park. Even if it is moderately loud it is going to carry throughout the City. It is like speaking into a tube or a pipe and having it come out the other end. It is just the physics of the situation. There is no emotion involved in this or anything. I thought I would pass this out to you so you would

have some technical information in your hands when you make a decision on the park. Please bear in mind the physics of the situation when you approve the new stage to be built. There are solutions. Many communities have found solutions. There is a fantastic situation of noise, the Big Dig. Construction noise is 134 decibels. That is way above what you have at the rock concert and they have a noise barrier that is built there and from here to literally across Elm Street there is absolutely no noise. You cannot hear a thing and it is a marvel. Other communities have the same problem and they have paid for noise barriers with advertising on top of the noise barriers. I would be happy to work with any of you if you want to learn more about the technical aspects here.

Billy Dodd, 181 Mammoth Road, Manchester stated:

I want to finish off where I did last month on the them of finagle the bagel. Bridge and Elm Street. From what I read in the paper I understand that there is a check stapled to a purchase and sales agreement. There is a company that wants to do exactly what the City wants. The City should sell that piece of property and get out of the real estate business. Don't finagle the bagel so that it goes to one particular development that you want. Sell the property. Portables and Memorial. I think there is a School Board member right now who said that he was in portables when he was in grade school on the west side and they are still there. I hope when this guy gets ready to go to Memorial that those portables over there aren't still there. A couple of articles in the *Hippo Press* the last couple of weeks concerning the civic center, parking, money arrangements and what have you. Very good reading. The only thing is I don't know if the writer and I assume it is Mr. Shaw, if he knows of the deals that were actually made. The bagel was finagled four years ago for the parking revenue to go to the management company and now here we are four months away from the grand opening and everybody is scratching their head about where are we going to park and what are we going to do. I think to help finagle the bagel, your Honor, I think your one page budget request for the civic center even includes something like \$94,000 or so of parking fines to help balance the books and pay the parking arrangement that we have with them. Last night I was here for a hearing and Alderman Levasseur brought up a very good idea and it is something that I have talked about here before about the City should be a triangle. It should be the Planning Board, the Aldermanic Board and the School Board. You guys are going to be making a rezoning change and he brought up a good point about needing more information. Get together with these different boards and figure out what is going on. You have apartments going up all over the place that are going to really crowd the schools and unless all three groups get together, you are going to have a problem. The last thing is the people who were up here in the wheelchairs talking about the City sidewalks. Two thumbs up on that one. They are exactly right. I have mentioned to you before the brand new constructed City sidewalk on Huse Road. The mailboxes are right in the middle of

the sidewalk. If these same people tried to go down Huse Road on the sidewalk, it is going to be an obstacle course.

Mayor Baines advised that there being no one else present wishing to speak, on motion of Alderman Wihby, duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau, all comments will be taken under advisement and any written documentation presented will be received and filed.

There being no further business to be presented, on motion of Alderman Wihby duly seconded by Alderman Pariseau it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk